



Storage of Firearms – 50 or more Firearms (less than 30 Category H)

This document describes the requirements for storing

- 50 or more firearms or 30 or more Category H firearms
- The firearms are stored at licensee's residential premises or
The licensee's business premises where the firearms are for the business

Anyone in possession of a firearm in South Australia must comply with the Code of Practice for the Security, Storage and Transport of Firearm, Ammunition and Related Items set out in Schedule 1 of the Firearms Regulations 2017.

Obligation

You must take all reasonable precautions to prevent your firearm(s) from becoming lost, stolen or falling into the possession of an unauthorised person.

Storage Location

You must store your firearm(s) at your principal place of residence, or if you possess your firearm(s) for the purpose of your business, at your principal place of business.

Under the main roof means within the enclosed structure of the building that is the place of residence or business.

An **outbuilding** is a building other than the main building at the premises, including a shed or garage (excluding a fully enclosed garage under the main roof) that must:

- Be affixed to the land
- Be a fully enclosed in a building that is structurally sound
- Have a door or point of entry capable of being securely locked

Firearms may only be stored at other locations if approved by the Registrar in writing.

Establishing the number of firearms

The total number of firearms stored at the premises determines the security storage requirements.

If you are the only person with ten firearms at the premises, the total is ten.

If you have your ten and another person stores eleven, the total is 21. This changes the requirements for storage.



Shared Storage

Persons permanently residing at the same premises or occupying the same business premises may store firearms in the same safe, provided the firearms are stored separately inside that safe with a device preventing unauthorised access, removal or possession by the other person.

Any persons wanting to share a safe must notify the Registrar of the manner and location this is occurring.

While In Storage

A person must not store a firearm while loaded.

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- The firearms must be stored in a strong room (refer below conditions).
- The premises must be installed with either –
 - A CCTV system that is activated and operating at any time the premises are unoccupied in order to detect and record any unauthorised entry to the structure and
 - An intruder alarm system that is activated and operating at any time the premises are unoccupied in order to detect any unauthorised entry of the area in which the firearm is kept or the unauthorised interference with a firearm by either
 - An externally visible alarm warning light and loud audible alarm OR
 - A remote alarm monitored by a private security company approved by the Registrar

Strongroom

- Must not have any windows
- The floors, ceilings and walls of the strongroom must be made of either
 - reinforced concrete OR double brick OR reinforced besser blocks at least 140mm thick
- A strong room door must be made of
 - Solid sheet grade mild steel at least 10mm thick OR
 - Solid sheet cut resistant steel at least 3mm thick that has a chemical compositions of at least 12% manganese and encased within, or reinforced by, a solid sheet timber at least 40mm thick.
- A strongroom door must be fitted with internal hinges that are concealed or have the hinge pins welded and
 - A three point locking system OR
 - Four shoot bolts that are located on the inside of the strongroom at the top and bottom of the door

That is, or are, activated by an internal key or electric lock, pin combination, pick resistant deadlock or biometric fingerprint scanner.

- with a body at least 40mm wide and a hardened steel shackle and
 - fitted with a cover to prevent the lock from being cut, removed, breached or otherwise tampered with
- All firearm storage safes must either -
 - Weigh 150 kg when empty or
 - Be bolted to a solid fixture of the building; that is, a solid concrete, brick, metal or timber floor, wall or other permanent internal structure of the building
 - It must be bolted in at least two anchor points



Key and Access Security

You must take all reasonable precautions to prevent your safe key, safe key car or safe key code from being lost, stolen or accessed by unauthorised persons.

Legislation

Schedule 1 – Code of Practice for the Security, Storage and Transport of Firearms, Ammunition and Related Items - Firearms Regulations 2017.

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